

PRENTICE, Amelia Kate (Minnie) — At Southrim
Extendicare, Erin Mills, Monday, July 4, 1988.
Amelia (Minnie) Prentice, in her 104th year.
(Dame Commander Order of St. John of
Jerusalem presented by the late Governor
General Jules Leger; Former Administratrix of
Ontario House, London, England; Executive
Service with St. John's Ambulance during W.W.I
and W.W.II; Chief Welfare Officer at Landeck,
Austria for U.N.R.R.A. from 1945-1948 in the
relocation of displaced persons; Retired from the
Public Health Services from Metropolitan
Toronto; Life Member of Queensway General
Hospital Women's Auxiliary and former longtime
resident of Long Branch). Beloved daughter of the
late Thomas and Catherine Prentice of North
Shields, Northumberland, England. In
accordance with Miss Prentice's wishes, private
cremation has taken place, followed by interment
in her parent's plot at Mount Pleasant Cemetery,
Toronto. A memorial service to be held in St.
James' Presbyterian Church, Long Branch will be
announced at a later date. If desired, memorial
contributions to the Girl Guides of Canada would
be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the
"Wignall Chapel" of G.H. Hogle Funeral Homes
Limited, 62 Long Branch Ave., Long Branch,
255-3816.

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Annie M. Barron

A resident at The Pines

A complete chapel service conducted by Rev. Dave Stephens was held at Reynolds' Funeral Home at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning for Miss Annie M. Barron who passed away at The Pines on Sunday, January 12 in her 97th year.

Miss Barron was the sister of the late Robert and James Barron, and aunt of Jean (Mrs. Bert Cooper) of Saskatchewan, Margaret Klein of Vancouver and Alma (Mrs. Bill Porter) of New-

market.

Spring interment will

take place at St. Thomas' Cemetery.

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Glaucoma causes 10% of blindness in Canada

Glaucoma is an ocular disorder that most frequently affects those over 40, with the greatest incidence in the 60 to 70 year age group. Undetected and untreated, glaucoma can lead to blindness.

Even though most people have heard about glaucoma, many do not understand what it is or how it can be diagnosed. These are important facts because in the earliest stages, there may be no symptoms that the patient can identify.

Glaucoma is an unstable or a sustained increase in pressure inside the eye. Any increase in intraocular pressure can damage the eye and impair visual function.

Glaucoma develops in different ways. Usually the natural blind spot becomes enlarged and distorted in shape, eventually forming a blind area of half a circle around the central vision. This blind area expands, destroying the top and side fields of vision in a steady and unrelenting sweep. Once the increased pressure inside the eye has destroyed visual cells, there is no magic treatment to restore them. In an effort to prevent further loss of vision, medication may be prescribed to control fluid pressure in the eye. Early detection remains the key to control and prevention of loss of vision.

Early diagnosis can be accomplished through regular vision examinations. You cannot touch your eye to determine if the pressure is high.

During your annual vision examination, your optometrist can measure the pressure inside your eye by performing tonometry. There are different tonometry procedures and the test can be done easily in the optometrist's office in minutes. Another important procedure the optometrist may perform is testing the field of vision to determine if there is any loss of vision or blind spots. Surprisingly, in the early stages, you may not be aware of the development of visual defects or "blind spots".

If you are over 40, it is especially important to ensure that you are being tested for glaucoma during your regular vision examination. If you notice coloured fringes or rings around street lights or headlights; if you have blurry vision; or, if you have pain in the eye, don't wait for your annual vision examination, arrange to have your eyes examined immediately.

For a free copy of the brochure, Vision and Aging, send stamped, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, Suite 212, 40 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1M2. (NC) 43.1



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